

BOY BURGLAR'S STORY OF A FALL

Fifteen-Year-Old Lad Tells How He Was Tempted to Steal.

PISTOL TAUGHT MORAL.

Until Held Up While Rifling Station Drawer of \$1.50 He Saw No Wrong.

(Special to The Evening World.) MINEOLA, L. I., Jan. 3.—A sad-hearted youngster will leave here today for the Reformatory Industrial School at Rochester as soon as Justice Remsen pronounces sentence in Nassau County Court. The lad is fifteen-year-old Fred Dahlman, of New Hyde Park, who was captured at 4 o'clock Thursday morning in the act of robbing the cash drawer of the Long Island station at Floral Park.

Fred Dahlman has always been a popular boy in this part of the country. His plight is looked upon with sympathy and indulgence, and the Court promises to be lenient in his sentence. Fred's offense is petty larceny. He was arraigned before Justice Remsen yesterday on the complaint of A. A. Wilson, the railroad detective, who made the arrest. Dahlman pleaded guilty to stealing \$1.50 in four robberies perpetrated during the last four weeks. The boy explains his act on the ground of moral irresponsibility.

"I must have had some weakness of mind," he said to an Evening World reporter to-day. "I know it is wrong to steal, but I didn't realize that in taking a little money from that drawer I was committing a crime."

Fred is a nice-looking boy, well grown and erect. He looks one straight in the eye, like an honest chap, and his tone is sincere and convincing.

Victim of Circumstances. "You see, I fell into a trap of circumstance about a month ago," he confessed. "I needed a little ready cash. I couldn't very well wait for my wages to come due. I knew that there was money in the ticket agent's drawer—money to burn—that no one would be any the wiser for my helping myself to it. I went down to the station that night, opened the door with a poker, forced open the drawer and helped myself to 50 cents."

"It wasn't much to take, but it was all Fred needed. Maybe he felt that he was just advancing himself a part of his daily earnings. The boy has received 50 cents a day from the railroad company for filing and caring for the station benches.

"You see, that was four weeks ago," he went on. "I just took the money and used it as I had to. It didn't seem like stealing, and I didn't feel the least like a thief. I wasn't worrying about taking something that didn't belong to me. I must have been asleep."

"Maybe if the money had been misused I might have felt queer. But nothing was ever said. A few days after I needed a few extra cents. I guess it was the old devil that reminded me of the place to get it. He must have said, 'The cash drawer was a cinch.'"

"Anyway, I went down there and got a little heider. Sixty-five cents was what I took this time.

"Strange, isn't it, how such a habit gets hold on one?"

"Now that I look back I can't see why I wasn't lying awake nights worrying for fear some one would find me out and have me put away with a long term. I feel so secure and sure that no one would notice the loss I didn't worry a bit."

"When I got a little short the week after, I went down to the station again one night and took a dollar."

Fred was certainly getting to be a bold, bad robber. Anyway, the ticket agent had a little trouble trying to balance his accounts, and when the shortage continued for three successive weeks he decided that somebody was to blame and asked the authorities to set a watch.

His Biggest Haul \$1.50. "That was why Fred was caught Thursday morning while robbing the station drawer of \$1.50. It was his last and biggest haul, and Fred was just about to slip away with his booty when a strange and unexpected voice demanded that he put up

TO ASK MURPHY "WHERE HE GOT IT"

Legislature May Order Tammany Boss on Stand Before New Committee.

ALBANY, Jan. 3.—The Legislature will get hotfoot after Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, if the M. O. J. members can control enough votes to effect the passage of a resolution to be introduced to-day. The measure contemplates the appointment of an investigating committee having power to place Murphy on the witness-stand, and, among other questions, to ask him where he got it.

The committee will be empowered to investigate the so-called Murphy contracts, the source and amount of campaign funds and the method of their expenditure. It is recited in the preamble of the resolution providing for the appointment of the committee that gross frauds were committed in the recent election, and the investigation of this is to be made the instrument by which it is expected to bring Leader Murphy to the stand.

The preamble adds: "This committee is directed to investigate fully and examine into the conduct of elections in the city of New York, the violations of law in connection therewith, the moneys contributed by corporations, candidates and others, the uses made of such moneys, the contracts and business and other relations between corporations and the leaders, assistant leaders and others holding and exercising or supposed to exercise power or authority in political parties or organizations, whether directly with such persons or under corporate or other cover, and the rights, privileges, honors, franchises and immunities, if any, secured or enjoyed by such corporations and the consideration thereof, and every other matter and thing deemed by the committee to be proper for the purpose of drafting and reporting to the Legislature such a revision of existing laws and such new laws."

HOLLOWAY GIRL GOES FREE.

Shown in Court that She Attached Father to Save Mother.

Mattie Holloway, the pretty young woman who fell her insane father, Henry Holloway, an aged railroad engineer, with a station in order to keep him from shooting his wife at their home, No. 61 East One Hundred and Fourth street, appeared in Morrisania Court to-day on a charge of felonious assault.

The girl was accompanied by her pastor, Rev. Francis Marsten, of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, at Willis avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, who told Magistrate Walsh that Miss Holloway only meant to save her mother. The Magistrate promptly dismissed the girl.

The father, with a badly battered head, is still in Lebonan Hospital. He is seventy-five years old and has been demented at times for two years.

his hands, and Fred found himself looking down the barrel of a terrible .38-caliber revolver.

It seems that Detective Wilson had been in hiding in the station and saw Fred force the door and tiptoe across the floor to the hooded-box.

"Was I scared? Well, rather!" said Fred. "It's no joke to be held up like that, look down a gun barrel and realize, all of a sudden, that you've done wrong. It's enough to make a fellow feel ready to cut out."

Fred refuses to admit that on being placed under arrest he burst into tears. The detective says the "boy wept like a kid" at his incarceration.

The boy is the son of a truckman employed in Floral Park. The boy assisted his parents in their support of his five little sisters.

"I can't say that I was forced to work for a living," the boy said, "but there are no many of us, and we can't do all we can get to keep going."

The Dahlmans came from Germany a dozen years ago. They are known to be honest, hard-working persons, and Fred's parents have taken his disgrace much to heart.

"I've heard a lot about 'Thou shalt not steal,' but I never really thought before what it meant. I guess I'll never forget it now," is the boy's explanation of his strange moral lapse.

There is no pistol point in the dark and the obligations of law and justice for driving home an idea.

WIRELESS TEST AROUND WORLD

Dry Dock Towing Fleet to Try Communicate on Voyage to Manila.

What in all probability will be the severest test yet made of wireless telegraphy from ship to shore and from shore to ship will be the communication between the Dewey and the dry-dock towing fleet of the Philippines, which will be kept up with the wireless station at St. Augustine, Fla., as long as the impulse can convey a message through the air.

The vessels conveying the Dewey are equipped with the Shoemaker system, which is employed on the warships Maryland, Pennsylvania and Charleston, and which appears to have tremendous penetrating power. On Monday communication was opened with the main tow of the Dewey, the Glacier, 23 miles at sea, from the St. Augustine station. The connection was as perfect as a message by telephone.

A further test was made Monday night, when the Dewey was 60 miles distant from Cape Henry. The following message was transmitted by wire from New York to St. Augustine, and thence by wireless to the fleet bound for the Far East:

"Operator aboard the Dewey: 'Send report daily as you proceed on voyage. Keep records of wireless work accomplished and mail same on arrival at Suez Canal.' This message was received on the Dewey, and an instant reply came to St. Augustine: 'O. K. Will follow instructions.'"

600 AT WEDDING FEAST.

Many Friends of Muskowitz-Zelenko Families at Terrace Garden Reception.

One of the prettiest weddings in Jewish circles in many years was that of S. W. Muskowitz and Miss Heceta Zelenko, celebrated in Temple Khablah Jeshurun, in East Eighty-fifth street, at 6 o'clock last night. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Meyer J. Piekas.

Edward Muskowitz, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and the ushers were Morris Muskowitz, Edward Levy, Louis Rosenberg, Morris Kraulovich, Simon Fried and Herman Fishman.

After the ceremony the bride and groom and many guests were driven to Terrace Garden, where 600 friends were entertained at dinner. Dancing followed. Mr. and Mrs. Muskowitz will pass their honeymoon in the South.

Taking No Chances. "I would rather, declared Miss Eidevich, 'live in a hotel with you than in a palace with another.'"

"That's all right," he replied, "but unless your father will give me a good job in his bank I'm not going on with the wedding."

News Nuggets

Troops for Philippines. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Three regiments of United States infantry, two batteries of artillery and one squadron of cavalry are under orders to leave for the Philippines during this month. The troops to be moved, it is said, are the First, Second and Twenty-fourth regiments of infantry, with some recruits and detached companies in addition, one squadron of the Fourth cavalry and the Eighth and Thirteenth battalions of field artillery.

Fire Shock Killed Woman.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Elizabeth McCarthy died in a chair at her home here from heart disease brought on by fright over a fire started by her invalid son, who set loose curtains while lighting his pipe. A daughter of the dead woman, who is suffering from nervous prostration, is in a serious condition because of the nervous shock. A neighbor was badly burned putting out the blaze.

Gets a Medal from Kaiser.

MEBAOMINTE, MICHEL, JAN. 3.—Joseph Stang, of this city, has received from Emperor William of Germany a silver medal bearing the Emperor's likeness, in recognition of an act of heroism in saving the lives of an old man and his daughter a number of years ago when Stang was a soldier in Germany.

Chance for London's Poor.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 3.—The State Commissioner of Agriculture, Mr. Kolmer, is corresponding with the Lord Mayor of London with a view to bringing some of the starving people of the British capital to Virginia and establishing them on farms here.

Mexico's Corn Crop Short.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 3.—The short corn crop has caused many distillers to shut down, as the price is claimed to be too high to make account of profits on the concern are fulfilling contracts at a considerable loss.

Lumber Magnate Dead.

REDDLANDS, CAL., Jan. 3.—T. W. Englund, a millionaire Philadelphia lumber manufacturer, died here last night.

What is Castoria. CASTORIA is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhoea and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 80 years, has born the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER, and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment. Genuine Castoria always bears the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Annual January Furniture Sale at 50 per cent off

German linens 50c on the \$. THIS remarkable collection of German linens comprises a well-known importer's entire stock. He had to realize a large amount of cash without delay, and mindful of the tremendous outlet which our Annual January Linen Sale affords, offered us the entire stock while it lay at the wharf at 50c. on the dollar.



Thousands of doilies, centrepieces, scarfs, tray covers, carving cloths, shams, tea cloths, butter covers in plain or fancy drawn work and rich damask effects—others in plain German linen hemstitched or with embroidered edges.

- 19c for fancy linens—values up to \$1.00—Tray Covers, Scarfs, Square and Plate Doilies.
49c for fancy linens—values up to \$1.00—Scarfs, Shams, Luncheon Cloths, Tray Covers.
92c for fancy linens—values up to \$1.00—Tray or Carving Cloths—Centrepieces.
39c for fancy linens—values up to \$1.00—Scarfs, Shams, Luncheon Cloths.
1,000 luncheon cloths, damask designs, 45 inches square, hemstitched, value \$1.25, at 1.00.
Pattern table cloth.
2.00 table cloths, about 2 1/2 yards long, 1.50.
2.50 pattern table cloth, 2 1/2 yards long, 2.10.
2.50 pattern table cloth, 3 1/2 yards long, 2.45.
2.50 pattern table cloth, 3 1/2 yards long, 2.45.
Bleached and unbleached damask, 65 inches wide, at 85c. yard.
Bleached mercerized damask, at 85c. a yard.
Great savings in towels.
5c. hemstitched buck towels, 25c.
12 1/2c. buckback towels, hemmed ends, 17 1/2c. 8c.
75c. bath towels, large size, bleached, 35c.
8c. buckback towels, hemstitched ends, 13 1/2c.

Simpson Crawford Co. Our Annual January Sale of White Goods' Progress.

38c for 50c night gowns. ONE of those bargains in our Annual January Sale that stand out as conspicuous examples of the buying prestige of our great organization.

Just 2,500 in the lot—and all as well made and of the same muslin as the regular lines of 50c. gowns—38c a variety of dainty styles to choose from—trimmed with cluster of tucks—exact duplicates will sell later at 50c. Sale price, 38c. Second Floor.



- 12c for 25c. corset covers—5,000 was all we could secure to sell at this figure—real handsome corset covers of good cambric—trimmed with lace and embroidery—full sizes—less than half price.
50c. for 75c. corset covers.
80c. for 85c. corset covers.
75c. for 1.00 corset covers.
95c. for 1.45 corset covers.
1.25 for 1.65 corset covers.
50c. for 65c. chemise—A maker's surplus, consisting of just 500 dainty chemises in excellent muslin—embroidery and lace trimmings—some with corded bands—full and large.
75c. for 95c. chemise.
80c. for 65c. chemise.
1.50 for 1.85 chemise.
25c. for 50c. drawers—Nearly 3,000 in this lot, and we would like to have just double as many—several good styles—lace and embroidery trimmings—regular and umbrella styles.
35c. for 65c. drawers.
85c. for 1.25 drawers.
50c. for 75c. drawers.
\$1 for 1.50 walking skirts—Just 2,000 in this purchase. No better styles shown this season—beautifully made with rows of lace insertion between clusters of tucks; some with lace edges and others with deep embroidery flounces.
1.50 for 1.75 muslin skirts.
4.95 for 5.50 muslin skirts.
1.50 for 2.00 muslin skirts.
2.50 for 3.00 muslin skirts.
2.50 for 4.50 muslin skirts.
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The largest fur purchase ever transacted.

A PROMINENT furrier, well known in New York's exclusive circles, and possessing a very large and fashionable clientele, came to us last week and confessed that this was the hardest season he had ever seen to sell furs. The warm weather was so ruinous to his trade that his stock on hand was more than double what he usually carried over into January. He had found it impossible to unload, but thought our extensive business could absorb his stock. Though we are in the midst of our own fur clearance and have suffered in some degree from the same untoward weather conditions, yet this offer proved so tempting that we have taken over this great increase to our stock, and are now in position to offer fur bargains that will break all January records.

- 75 handsome, natural mink muffs at \$19.50. This one bargain alone would attract special attention, for mink scarfs are very fashionable this year. These are made of the best mink skins and never sold for less than \$27.50; choice... 19.50
100 Persian Paw Sets—consisting of large Pillow Muff and new shape Ascot Tie—excellently finished—regularly \$15. For this sale... 9.00
50 Alaska Sable large soft Pillow Muffs—beautiful skins. Regularly \$19.50. For this sale... 7.00
75 7 and 8 stripe dark blended Mink Muffs—large, full skins—regularly \$18. For this sale... 14.50
Fur lined coats.
Fine broadcloth coats.
Men's fur lined coats.
Sable squirrel coats.

Our annual sale of canned goods.

- WE offer you nothing but the staple, well known reliable brands, such as all housewives know and depend on. In the regular way they sell for 25 per cent. to 85 per cent. more than we are now asking.
Sugar corn.
String beans.
Early June peas.
Garden spinach.
Boston baked beans.
Lemon cling peaches.
LAUNDRY SOAP—Simpson Crawford's Pure White Soap for household use.
LIMA BEANS—Standard quality.
MELTING SUGAR PEAS—The name may prove misleading; they are not as tender as they could be without being "mushy"; case 24 cans, \$2.10; dozen, \$1.8c.
Silico scouring soap.
Sage California wines.
Jelly glasses.
Breakfast bacon.
Succotash.
Lima beans.

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WOMEN'S GOWNS—2d Floor. DECIDED REDUCTIONS IN PRICES HAVE BEEN MADE IN TAILOR SUITS AND DRESSES OF CLOTH, VELVET, CHEVIOTS, TWEEDS, NETS AND LACES, INCLUDING A SELECTION OF TAILOR SUITS WHICH HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO \$25.00, \$32.00, \$38.00 AND \$45.00

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Mascot " " 12 " 25
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